

# Impacts to Fencing

Since There are Few Free-ranging  
Bison Herds There is Incomplete  
Information on How Bison Will  
Impact Fencing.

Can Free-Ranging Programs Exist  
in Areas Where There is Livestock  
and Fencing?

Bison and cattle have coexisted since 1941 in the Henry  
Mountains of Utah. The cattle are managed within a  
traditional fencing system and the bison are able to move  
across the landscape.



A jump built for elk on a ranch  
that manages a captive bison  
herd. The captive bison  
learned to utilize the jump, but  
neighboring domestic cattle  
did not.

Do Bison Have the Ability to Cross  
Fencing Without Damage?

Bison are able to move across a landscape that contains  
fencing and the potential for damage is comparable to  
elk, deer, or moose.

Bison have the ability to jump upward of 6 feet high.

